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The assignee of the entire right, title and interest of the above-identified application, hereby confirms that an assignment from Sheng Zhang and Xian Huang for the subject application, which is a division of U.S. Serial No. 10/078,843 filed February 9, 2002, was recorded on April 4, 2002, at Reel 012769/Frame 0984 in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Attached hereto is a copy of an assignment from Thomas N. Corso, Gary A. Schultz, and Simon J. Prosser, which is being filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office today.

The undersigned has reviewed all the documents in the chain of title of the patent application identified above and, to the best of undersigned's knowledge and belief, title is in the assignee identified above.

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## **ASSIGNMENT**

WHEREAS, We, Thomas N. Corso, a citizen of the United States, residing at 622 Scofield Road, Groton, New York 13073, Gary A. Schultz, a citizen of the United States, residing at 520 Warren Place, Ithaca, New York 14850, and Simon J. Prosser, a United Kingdom citizen, residing at 2250 N. Triphammer Road, #P3F, Ithaca, New York 14850, have invented certain new and useful improvements in A MICROCHIP ELECTROSPRAY DEVICE AND COLUMN WITH AFFINITY ADSORBENTS AND USE OF THE SAME for which we have executed an application for Letters Patent in the United States, filed as U. S. Serial No. 10/658,008 on September 9, 2003;

AND WHEREAS, Advion BioSciences, Inc., with its principal place of business at 15 Catherwood Road, Ithaca, New York 14850, desires to acquire the entire right, title and interest in and to the said improvements and the said Application:

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, including salary or payment for the making of inventions, or employee benefits, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we, the said inventors, do hereby acknowledge that we have sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto the said Advion BioSciences, Inc., its successors, legal representatives and assigns, the entire right, title and interest throughout the world in, to and under the said improvements, and the said application and all divisions, renewals and continuations thereof, and all Letters Patent of the United States which may be granted thereon and all reissues and extensions thereof, and all rights of priority under International Conventions and applications for Letters Patent which may hereafter be filed for said improvements in any countries foreign to the United States, and all Letters Patent which may be granted for said improvements in any country or countries foreign to the United States and all extensions, renewals and reissues thereof; and we hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents of the United States, and any Official of any country or countries foreign to the United States, whose duty it is to issue patents on applications as aforesaid, to issue all Letters Patent for said improvements to the said Advion BioSciences, Inc., its successors, legal representatives and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this instrument.

AND WE HEREBY covenant and agree that we will communicate to the said Advion BioSciences, Inc., its successors, legal representatives and assigns, any facts known to us respecting said improvements and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths and generally do everything possible to aid the said Advion BioSciences, Inc., its successors, legal representatives and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for said improvements in all countries.

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		Thomas N. Corso	

STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF TOWNER SS:

This 28 day of Apple , 2004, before me personally came the above-named Thomas N. Corso, to me personally known as the individual who executed the same of his/her own free will for the purposes therein set forth.

SANDRA G. WALTHER
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This <u>28</u> day of <u>APRIL</u>, 2004, before me personally came the above-named Gary A. Schultz, to me personally known as the individual who executed the same of his/her own free will for the purposes therein set forth.

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and seal this 28<sup>th</sup> day 2004.

Simon J. Prosser

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This <u>28</u> day of <u>APRIL</u>, 2004, before me personally came the above-named **Simon J. Prosser**, to me personally known as the individual who executed the same of his/her own free will for the purposes therein set forth.

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